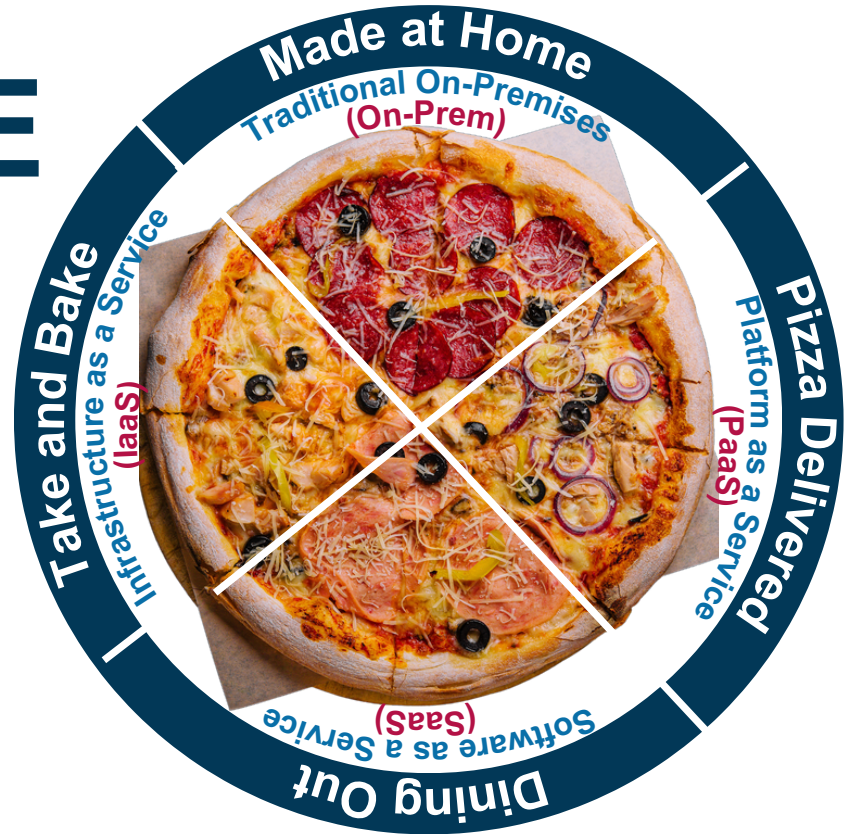# PIZZA AS A SERVICE

Choosing between On-Prem and Cloud solutions is a pivotal decision for businesses. On-Prem involves managing everything internally, Just like making pizza at home from sourcing ingredients and equipment to kneading the dough yourself.

On the other hand, Cloud solutions, comparable to dining out, entail outsourcing resources to third-party data centres (restaurants) that provide the necessary ingredients, equipment, and personnel to make the pizza for you. This decision significantly affects both cost and flexibility.

Traditional On-Premises (On-Prem)	Infrastructure as a service (IaaS)	Platform as a Service (PaaS)	Software as a services (SaaS)
Dining Table	Dining Table	Dining Table	Dining Table
Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink
Electric/Gas	Electric/Gas	Electric/Gas	Electric/Gas
Oven	Oven	Oven	Oven
Fire	Fire	Fire	Fire
Pizza Dough	Pizza Dough	Pizza Dough	Pizza Dough
Tomato Sauce	Tomato Sauce	Tomato Sauce	Tomato Sauce
Toppings	Toppings	Toppings	Toppings
Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Made at home	Take and Bake	Pizza Delivered	Dined Out

■ You Manage ■ Vendor Manages

In this article, we will explore the crucial factors to consider when making a strategic choice between On-Prem services and Cloud solutions, without further reference to pizza.

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Scaling: In terms of scalability, the Cloud offers an advantage. You can quickly scale resources up or down based on your needs, without the constraints of a physical infrastructure. On-Prem scalability typically requires forecasting future growth and investing in additional hardware.

Compliance and Disaster Recovery: Compliance and Disaster Recovery (DR) are critical factors. The Cloud provides more accessible DR options, while On-Prem requires meticulous planning and investment. Compliance considerations also vary between the two options.

Geography and Accessibility: The Cloud offers the advantage of deploying resources in various locations rapidly, making it a versatile choice for global operations.

Security and Updates: Security updates are critical for a business wherever servers are hosted, on premises workloads need to be manually maintained by internal staff. Moving this to the cloud, the managed elements of the service shall be maintained by the provider's staff and systems, removing that overhead.

Cost Comparison: The bottom line often boils down to cost. On-prem typically favours a cap-ex model, with lower costs post install. Cloud favours an op-ex model with smaller, regular ongoing payments.

In conclusion, the choice between on-premises and cloud solutions ultimately depends on the specific needs, resources, and goals of the organisation, as each option presents distinct advantages and considerations.